3/5/69

Dear Dick,

Many thanks for your kind note of 3/1 and the corrections to PM III. Lil will pick them up on the master set.

There is a very strange twist in the Shaw case. Garrison has shot from the hip again, charging him incompletely. He had in the files certain material I had given him in advance of the trial, one an interview with a friend of both Garrison and Shaw and the other some of the unpublished FBI reports each proving a separate additional perjury. I wish I could understand why Shaw was not confronted with this evidence on the stand. I am also satisfied he perjured himself on the VIP register. He lied about it, very smoothly, and then slipped out as easily when he was caught, because lawyers must lay a foundation for their questions.

No other verdict was acceptable. But how I regret the accuracy of what I have been saying since about July or August, much as we needed a judicial determination of fact, we would wind up still not getting one. That is what happened. The corruption of the other side was enormous. I not have proof that still another key witness was corrupted. They reached a man for whom I have a certain amount of responsibility, having urged Jim to accept his offer to work inside the office. He gave the entire case to the junior of Shaw's staff of lawyers. I had been warning them about him for more than a year. He has also done this in other areas of which I have knowledge.

I told Garrison, Alock, Oser, Scisambra and Alford each that they had no chance of winning without provision for a False Oswald, which meant using the indictment charge of "others unknown" for it. It is no fun being right. One of the things no one stopped to think about is what this lack made the jury think of Garrison. On the one hand he charges Oswald as a conspirator and on the other he proclaims Oswald's innocence.

There is no basis for your optimism about PMIII. I cannot begin to think of printing it. I owe too much. There will be no other edition I fear for some time. If you would like to copy it and can, please do. Otherwise, after you have made the effort you have in mind, I do need it. I have a request from Germany, from someone who thinks he can arrange or at least is willing to try and arrange publication there, others needs for the few other copies.

If you have a manuscript copy of Coup, there is no hurry on that at all, and this is my recollection. It is not quite complete, but it does have most. The quotes, in some cases, are missing.

Please excuse haste.

Best regards,

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